

# The Daniels/Bennett Agenda: Ed Reform Impacting Public Schools

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State Senator Tim Skinner



# Senate Bill 001

## Teacher Merit Pay



- Authors:

Sen. Kruse R-Auburn

Sen. Yoder R-Middlebury

Sen. Banks R-Columbia City

Passed the Senate: 29 Yeas, 20 Nays

- Sponsors:

Rep. Behning R-Indianapolis

Rep. Frizzell R-Indianapolis

Rep. Rhoads R-Corydon

Rep. Sullivan D-Indianapolis

Rep. Porter D-Indianapolis

Passed the House: 60 Yeas, 32 Nays

## Senate Bill 001 Teacher Merit Pay



- The combination of a teacher's attainment of an advanced degree and years of experience cannot account for more than 33% of the calculation used to determine a teacher's pay increase.
- Seniority cannot account for more than 33% of the basis for salary increase.
- Requires an annual staff/peer evaluation for both teachers and principals.

# Senate Bill 575

## Teacher Collective Bargaining



- Authors:
  - Sen. Boots R-Crawfordsville
  - Sen. Kenley R-Noblesville
  - Sen. Charbonneau R-Valparaiso
  - Sen. Kruse R-Auburn
  - Passed the Senate: 30 Yeas, 19 Nays
- Sponsors:
  - Rep. Behning R-Indianapolis
  - Rep. Torr R-Carmel
  - Passed the House: 52 Yeas, 40 Nays

# Senate Bill 575

## Teacher Collective Bargaining



- Limits what may be collectively bargained by teachers to salary, wages, hours, paid time off and wage-related benefits (including retirement).
- Prohibits bargaining on teacher evaluation procedures and criteria.
- Negotiated contracts limited to the end of the state biennium (effective for contracts after 4/20/11).
- Replaces arbitration with a fact-finding process.
- Indiana Education Relations Board replaced with governor's appointees.

# House Bill 1002

## Charter Schools



- Authors:

Rep. Bosma R-Indianapolis

Rep. Behning R-Indianapolis

Rep. Sullivan D-Indianapolis

Rep. Noe R-Indianapolis

Passed the House: 59 Yeas, 37 Nays

- Sponsors:

Sen. Kruse R-Auburn

Sen. Buck R-Kokomo

Sen. Yoder R-Middlebury

Sen. Banks R-Columbia City

Passed the Senate: 29 Yeas, 20 Nays

# House Bill 1002

## Charter Schools



- Diverts taxpayer dollars from traditional public schools to charter schools.
- New budget appropriates \$12.5 billion for K-12 education.
  - \$381 million appropriated for charters by 2013.
- Unused public school buildings will be made available for rent or purchase to charters for \$1.
- Expands list of entities who can sponsor charter schools.
- 15 of the 20 lowest performing schools on the ISTEP are charter schools.

# House Bill 1002

## Charter Schools



- Eliminates the current 500 student enrollment limit for virtual charter schools.
- Increases state funding for virtual charter schools.
- Allows for conversion of public school to a charter school if:
  1. The School Board votes in favor of conversion.
  2. 51% of parents petition for a conversion.
- Teacher approval for school to convert to charter school was removed.
- Once a school is converted to a charter school it cannot be returned to traditional status by school board vote or petition.



# House Bill 1003

## Vouchers (Opportunity Scholarships)



- Authors:

Rep. Behning R-Indianapolis

Rep. Bosma R-Indianapolis

Passed the House: 56 Yeas, 42 Nays

- Sponsors:

Sen. Kruse R-Auburn

Sen. Yoder R-Middlebury

Sen. Banks R-Columbia City

Sen. Buck R-Kokomo

Sen. Smith R-Charlestown

Sen. Walker R-Columbus

Passed the Senate: 28 Yeas, 22 Nays

# House Bill 1003

## Vouchers (Opportunity Scholarships)



- Provides state-funded scholarships for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend private schools.
- Remainder of the fund is distributed back to ALL schools.
- Schools losing students will see a loss in state funding as a result.
- For every 1,000 students likely to take advantage of the scholarships, public districts are set to lose an estimated \$2.9 million in tuition support from the state.

# Senate Bill 495

## Lawsuits by School Corporations



- Authors:
  - Sen. Kruse R-Auburn
  - Sen. Yoder R-Middlebury
  - Sen. Banks R-Columbia City
  - Passed the Senate: 33 Yeas, 16 Nays
- Sponsors:
  - Rep. Behning R-Indianapolis
  - Rep. Frizzell R-Indianapolis
  - Passed the House: 67 Yeas, 26 Nays

## Senate Bill 495

### Lawsuits by School Corporations



- Prohibits the governing body of a school corporation from using funds received from the state to bring or join in an action against the state.

# Senate Bill 1001

## State Budget



- Authors:
  - Rep. Espich R-Uniondale
  - Rep. Turner R-Marion
  - Passed the House: 59 Yeas, 39 Nays
- Sponsors:
  - Sen. Kenley R-Noblesville
  - Sen. Broden D-South Bend
  - Passed the Senate: 37 Yeas, 13 Nays

# House Bill 1001 (State Budget)

## K-12 Funding



- Increases funding for the formula by 0.5% for CY 2012 and 1% for CY 2013.
  - Slight increase from a much lower base due to the \$300M cut (4.5%) ordered by the Governor in 2010.
- Eliminates the reghoster, restoration grants and small school grants.
- Increases full day kindergarten funding by 40%.
  - 2% increase in grant amount from \$1,030 to \$1,050 per child.
  - Will not guarantee full day kindergarten for every child in Indiana.
  - Will expand the number of schools receiving state grants that partly pay for kindergarten, but parents will likely still need to contribute as much as \$2,000 per child in many schools.

# House Bill 1001 (State Budget)

## K-12 Funding



### Top 15 Losers in New School Funding Formula

School District	State Regular 2011	State Regular 2012	State Regular 2013	State Regular Difference 2012 less 2011	State Regular Difference 2013 less 2012	Total	Rank
Indianapolis Public Schools	250,987,038	223,939,752	211,295,410	-27,047,286	-12,644,342	-39,691,628	1
Gary Community School Corp	92,113,460	69,822,531	63,027,272	-22,290,929	-6,795,259	-29,086,188	2
South Bend Community Sch Corp	127,286,288	117,243,979	114,583,432	-10,042,309	-2,660,547	-12,702,856	3
Anderson Community School Corp	54,955,417	49,303,562	46,796,639	-5,651,855	-2,506,923	-8,158,778	4
School City of Hammond	88,259,940	82,607,184	82,060,744	-5,652,756	-546,440	-6,199,196	5
Fort Wayne Community Schools	181,236,104	174,071,195	175,438,509	-7,164,909	1,367,314	-5,797,595	6
Elkhart Community Schools	76,692,905	71,718,890	70,938,845	-4,974,015	-780,045	-5,754,060	7
Marion Community Schools	30,232,091	26,835,961	25,177,545	-3,396,130	-1,658,416	-5,054,546	8
Muncie Community Schools	44,876,121	41,137,955	39,997,184	-3,738,166	-1,140,771	-4,878,937	9
School City of East Chicago	42,342,515	38,908,484	37,831,564	-3,434,031	-1,076,920	-4,510,951	10
Vigo County School Corp	87,058,812	81,177,664	82,560,526	-5,881,148	1,382,862	-4,498,286	11
New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	61,791,226	57,500,613	57,849,917	-4,290,613	349,304	-3,941,309	12
M S D Warren Township	67,938,167	64,809,664	64,179,159	-3,128,503	-630,505	-3,759,008	13
Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	38,401,045	35,504,863	34,736,981	-2,896,182	-767,882	-3,664,064	14
Carmel Clay Schools	73,304,619	69,230,715	69,940,793	-4,073,904	710,078	-3,363,826	15

# House Bill 1001 (State Budget)

## Other Education Provisions



### Early Graduation Scholarship

- Provides a \$3,500 scholarship to high school juniors and seniors who graduate early.
- Requires schools and the Department of Education to draft rules and schedules to facilitate early graduation.
- Diverts funds from public school tuition support to institutions of higher education.
- Permits funds to be used for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction.



# House Bill 1001 (State Budget)

## Other Education Provisions



### Turnaround Academies

- Provides that a school that remains in the lowest performance category for five years becomes a turnaround academy.
- Allows an academy to be operated by a private management firm.

## Education Bills that **FAILED**



### **House Bill 1369– Administrator Merit Pay**

- Would have required school administrator contractors to base 5% of salary on meeting individual performance goals.
- Would have removed requirement that superintendents have 5 years of successful teaching experience.
- Would have capped the severance package at one year of the administrator's salary.
- Would have required school corporation's spending to be available for public view on a website.

*House Bill 1369 died on the Senate floor after it came out of conference committee by a vote of 9-41 (Senate Roll Call #534).*

## Education Bills that **FAILED**



### **Senate Bill 496-- Parental Initiatives for School Corporations**

- Would have required a school corporation to sell property to an educational institution if it is the highest bidder.
- Would have allowed for 51% of parents to initiate school changes if that school is in its third year of low performance.
- Would have allowed parents to close the school and transfer students to a higher performing school district or reorganize the school as a charter.

*Senate Bill 496 died in conference committee.*